Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 08 Apr 2021 until 23:59 on Friday 09 Apr 2021

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 07 Apr 2021 at 14:14 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for the main themes with a wet and windy day on Thursday followed by another cold spell with snow showers. Low for details on Monday.

Headline for Thursday 08 Apr 2021: Very windy with rain and summit snow. Turning showery and colder later.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 08 Apr 2021

Blizzards Low Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** Low Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Low Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** High Likelihood
Thunderstorms Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** High Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow	Sleet	Sleet	Sleet	Sleet	Light snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
80%	80%	80%	80%	80%	40%	40%	60%

Forecast for Thursday 08 Apr 2021

Weather: Cloudy with outbreaks of rain, falling as snow above 400m overnight then 900m during the day. Rain turning heavy and persistent for a few hours with heavy snow and blizzards on the Munro tops. Bright spells and showers will follow with the snow level falling to around 400m. Showers turning heavier in the evening with hail and a low risk of thunder.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 10% in the morning becoming 70% in afternoon after rain clears but lower chance again in the evening.

Visibility: Often poor in the morning and early afternoon with extensive cloud, bases 500-700m. Whiteout conditions possible on Munro tops. Generally improving in the afternoon as cloud lifts and breaks but occasionally poor in wintry showers with cloud down to 500m at times.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	32/41 SW	33/44 SW	38/52 SW	39/54 SW	39/54 W	37/54 W	39/56 W	38/52 W	31/44 NW
900	31/40 SW	31/42 SW	37/50 SW	38/53 SW	37/52 W	35/53 W	37/54 W	36/51 W	30/42 NW
600	22/31 SW	20/32 SW	25/40 SW	27/43 SW	28/43 W	27/44 W	28/45 W	27/42 W	22/34 NW
300	6/26 SW	5/30 SW	9/39 SW	11/42 SW	12/44 W	13/45 W	14/44 W	13/42 NW	11/35 NW
Glen	8/22 S	13/29 SW	17/36 SW	20/41 SW	21/43 W	21/41 W	20/40 W	20/39 NW	18/35 N

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-4/-13	-2/-10	-0/-9	-0/-9	-1/-10	-3/-12	-4/-14	-4/-14	-5/-14
900	-3/-12	-1/-9	0/-8	0/-8	-0/-9	-2/-11	-3/-12	-3/-13	-4/-12
600	-1/-8	1/-5	2/-4	3/-4	2/-5	0/-7	-0/-8	-1/-9	-2/-9
300	0/-2	2/-0	4/1	4/1	4/-0	3/-2	2/-3	1/-4	-1/-6
Glen	3/-0	5/2	7/3	7/3	7/2	6/2	5/0	4/-2	2/-3
Freezing Level*	400m	1000m	1100m	1000m	900m	500m	400m	400m	300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Sudden gusts of 60-70mph on ridges and summits above 800m. Feeling very cold at height in the strong winds with a severe wind chill in the heavy rain and sleet.

Forecast for Friday 09 Apr 2021

Weather: Bright or clear spells and occasional snow showers. Some of these will be heavy especially across the northern Highlands.

Maximum wind: North or northwest 30-40mph gusts 60mph overnight, easing to 15-20mph with gusts 35mph in showers.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40% in north, 70% in south.

Visibility: Excellent between showers but sudden dramatic deteriorations as showers pass through, down to a few hundred metres or less at times with patchy cloud down to 400m.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 1C rising to 3C.
At 800m: Minus 6C rising to Minus 2C during daytime.
Freezing level: 200-300m.

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